

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Division of Remediation Management

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Re: Water Pollution Control Act Information Request Perfluoroalkyl Substances Usage

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is requesting your assistance in the investigation of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Several members of this class of chemicals have been detected in ground water, surface water and potable water supplies within the State of New Jersey. Due to the risks associated with discharges of this class of chemicals, the Department is gathering information regarding its use within New Jersey.

PFAS are a class of chemicals used in multiple industrial applications and consumer products many of which are persistent in the environment and are known to bioaccumulate. Due to its persistence, tendency to bioaccumulate and health effects, the Department established an Interim Ground Water Quality Standard for perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) at 10 ng/L, a Drinking Water Advisory Level for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) at 40 ng/L and is currently evaluating drinking water maximum contaminant levels for these compounds and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). On May 25, 2016, the US Environmental Protection Agency issued revised Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFOA and PFOS to 70 ng/L individually and 70 ng/L combined when both compounds are found in drinking water. For additional information regarding PFAS see following websites:

http://www.nj.gov/health/eohs/pfc in drinkingwater.shtml,

 $\underline{https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/perfluorooctanoic-acid-pfoa-perfluorooctyl-sulfonate\ ,\ and$

 $\frac{https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos}{}$

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10A-10.3(a), the New Jersey Water Pollution Control Act, the Department may request that any person whom the Department believes has information relevant to a discharge or potential discharge of pollutants provide information regarding:

- 1. The nature, extent, source, and location of the discharge, or potential discharge;
- 2. Identification of the nature, type, quantity, source, and location of the pollutant or pollutants;
- 3. The identity of, and other relevant information concerning, the generator or transporter of the pollutant, or any other person subject to liability for the discharge or potential discharge;
- 4. The ability of any person liable, or potentially liable, for the discharge, or potential discharge, to pay for, or perform, the cleanup and removal, including the availability of appropriate insurance coverage.

Your facility(s) has been identified as potentially using substances containing PFAS including but not limited to PFOA and PFOS and their homologues, their salts, and their precursors (including but not limited to fluorotelomers).

The Department requests you respond to this information request in writing to the contact official and address identified below within 60 days. Please provide the following information for each New Jersey facility:

- 1. Name, address of each facility and representative contact information including the contact's email address.
- 2. Identify if PFAS are currently or were historically used, stored, generated, transported, or disposed at the facility including the quantity, source, and location the PFAS are utilized, stored, transported or disposed of at the facility.
- 3. Identify the storage vessels for any PFAS utilized, stored, transported or disposed at the facility and indicate whether these vessels have secondary containment or are able to be visually inspected. If the vessels are secondarily contained and/or inspected please explain the type of secondary containment utilized and inspection protocol and tracking.
- 4. Identity the nature, extent, source, and location of any known discharges, or potential discharge of any of the aforementioned PFAS and the name and address and contact information of any entities responsible. Include any response actions taken in association with the discharge, including sampling results and mapping associated with soil, ground water and/or surface water sampling and the Department's communication center number for the discharge, if reported.

The response to this information request should be addressed to:

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This information should also be shared with the licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) currently retained, or any LSRP to be retained in the future, for any remediation activities. If a final remediation document [Response Action Outcome (RAO) or No Further Action (NFA)] has been issued for a facility for which you are responsible, and PFAS were known or suspected to have been used, you should consider that information and the need to reevaluate the facility.